

MICHIGAN STATE TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

PUBLIC MEETING

July 23, 2020

TEAMS Virtual Meeting

MEETING MINUTES

Members Present: Todd A. Wyett, STC Chair
Michael D. Hayes, STC Vice Chair
Stephen F. Adamini, STC Commissioner
Chris J. Yatooma, STC Commissioner
Helen Zeerip, STC Commissioner

Members Absent: None

Also Present: Director Ajegba, Michigan Department of Transportation
Tony Kratofil, COO, MDOT
Laura Mester, CAO, MDOT
Troy Hagon, Commission Advisor
Janie Gallimore, Executive Assistant, Governmental Affairs
Patrick McCarthy, Director, MDOT Bureau of Finance
Brad Wieferich, Director, MDOT Bureau of Development
Roger Belknap, TAMC Coordinator
Amy Matisoff, Tribal Liaison
Jack Cotter, Commission Auditor, Office of Commission Audits
ShuKeyna Thurman, Executive Assistant, Office of Commission Audits
Ashleigh Houska, General Office Assistant, Office of Commission Audits
About 20-30 people were in virtual audience.

I. WELCOME

Chair Wyett called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m.

II. COMMISSION BUSINESS

- ***Minutes of January 30, 2020, Commission Meeting (motion required)***

Chair Wyett requested a motion regarding approval of the minutes for the last State Transportation Commission meeting. Commissioner Zeerip made a motion to approve and Commissioner Yatooma supported. Chair Wyett led a voice vote; all members present voted in favor; **motion to approve carried.**

- ***Joint Minutes of January 30, 2020, STC/MAC Meeting (motion required)***

Chair Wyett requested a motion regarding approval of the minutes for the last State Transportation Commission meeting. Commissioner Zeerip made a motion to approve and Vice Chair Hayes supported. Chair Wyett led a voice vote; all members present voted in favor; **motion to approve carried.**

- ***Transportation Asset Management Council (TAMC) Appointments – Troy Hagon***

Mr. Hagon presented one nomination for reappointment to the Asset Management Council for Mr. Gary Mekjian.

Chair Wyett requested a motion regarding approval of TAMC nominations. Vice Chair Hayes made a motion to approve and Commissioner Zeerip supported. Chair Wyett led a voice vote; all members present voted in favor; **motion to approve carried.**

III. **OVERSIGHT**
No Oversight

V. **PRESENTATIONS**

- ***Transportation Asset Management Report – Roger Belknap, TAMC Coordinator***

Mr. Belknap, Transportation Asset Management Council (TAMC) coordinator, told commissioners that federal-aid road pavement conditions improved in 2019 with 21 percent in good condition, 40 percent in fair condition, and 39 percent in poor condition. In 2019, non-federal-aid roads had only 16 percent in good condition, 33 percent in fair condition, and 51 percent in poor condition. Mr. Belknap said that bridges saw a slow decline in 2019 with more in the fair and poor categories, plus a new "severe" category also was added. Trunkline bridges were 26 percent good, 67 percent fair, 6 percent poor, and less than 1 percent severe. Local agency bridges were 44 percent good, 42 percent fair, 8 percent poor, and 6 percent severe. Per law, the annual report was submitted to the Legislature by May 2.

Chair Wyett requested a motion regarding approval of the [Transportation Asset Management Annual Report](#). Vice Chair Hayes made a motion to approve and Commissioner Yatooma supported. Chair Wyett led a voice vote; all members present voted in favor; **motion to approve carried.**

- ***Tribal Affairs Policy Update & Annual Report – Amy Matisoff, MDOT Tribal Liaison***

Ms. Matisoff presented an update to the STC on new tribal policies and guidelines, which will be available to the public by July 31, 2020. Ms. Matisoff said that she also is updating operating guidelines that will be available in summer 2021.

Chair Wyett requested a motion regarding approval of Tribal Affairs Policy Update & Annual Report. Commissioner Zeerip made a motion to approve and Commissioner Adamini supported. Chair Wyett led a voice vote; all members present voted in favor; **motion to approve carried.**

VI. **COMMENT**

Following the presentations, Commissioner Stephen Adamini asked about the road bonding status. Mr. Patrick McCarthy said the refunding of the 2009 State Trunkline Fund (STF) bonds in April yielded savings of \$7.3 million, but the refunding of the 2011 STF bonds has been placed on hold due to market conditions. The savings for these bonds will increase by

waiting until fall 2021 when the bonds are eligible for a tax-exempt current refunding. Under the \$3.5 billion Rebuilding Michigan bonding program, Mr. McCarthy expects to issue \$800 million in bonds in August or September. Mr. Tony Kratofil added that bid letting is expected for these projects this fall or winter.

Both Chairman Wyett and Commissioner Chris Yatooma expressed their gratitude to Director Paul Ajegba and to all MDOT employees for working hard during these challenging operating environments and times.

VII. ADJOURNMENT

With no further business being before the Commission, Chair Wyett declared the meeting adjourned at 10:36 a.m.

VIII. NEXT MEETING

The next virtual meeting is TBD.

Troy Hagon
Commission Advisor